Bly in as new sgt. maj.



Incoming
Station senior
enlisted has
big plans for
Marines,
civilians, and
morale in
coming
years

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VMM-263 flies again



'Thunder Chickens' receive, fly squadron's first 'Osprey'

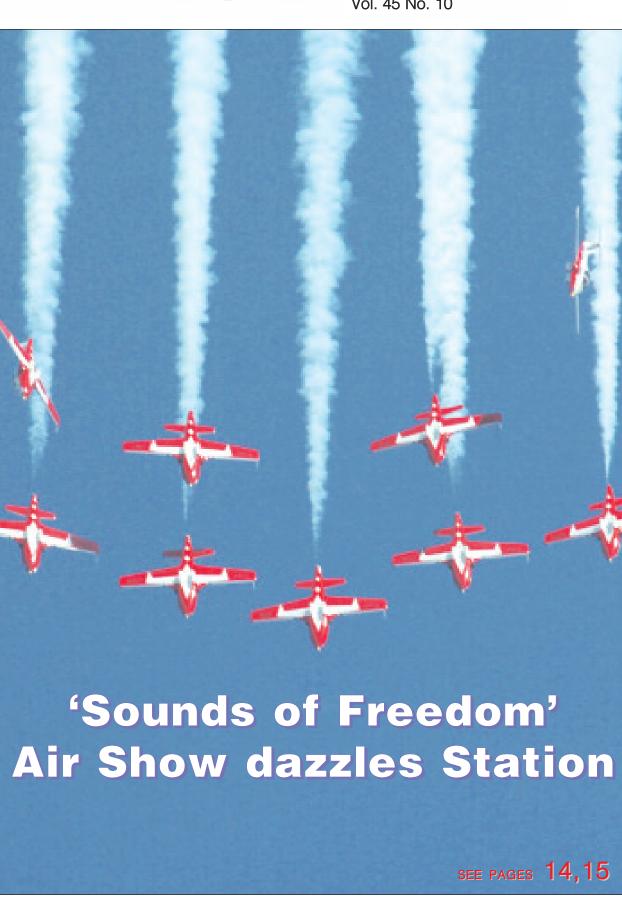
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'Phoenix' burns H&HS



HMT-302 Marines improve record to 3-2, hand 8-5 loss to H&HS in intramural baseball action

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Command Message

MCAS Youth Center Summer Camp registration May 16-19 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. The camp is for children ages 6-12 who have completed kindergarten. 1st session starts June 19th. Children must have a current shot card and health assessment prior to camp start date. Parents must bring current LES, pay stub or W-2 form. For more information call

USMC Motor Transport

Association will hold their 10th Annual Meeting/Reunion, Sept. 17-20 in San Antonio. For more information, contact Terry Hightower at 450-1841 or usmcmta@charterinternet.com

The New River Air Station Youth Center hosts a "Kids with deployed or have been deployed parents activity workshop", the 1st Thursday of each month from 4-5 p.m. For more information, call 449-6110.

There will be a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night at the Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Club every third Friday of each month.

The first cards will be dealt at 6:30 p.m. and play ends at midnight.

There are 100 seats available and tickets cost \$20.

Prizes are awarded to those who come in first through 5th place.

The marriage enrichment one-day seminar "His Needs, Her Needs," will take place at the New Bern Convention Center May 23 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The seminar is sponsored by 2d MAW and is for regaining and/or strengthening intimacy, appreciation, communication, and minimizing the stress and challenges resulting from deployment separation.

Lunch is included.

To register, call (252) 466-3314 or contact the MAG-26/29 chaplain's office.

The post office (military side) hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and

On Wednesday, official mail may be dropped off between 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call (910) 449-5476.

Community

The Wounded Warrior Spouses' Support Group meets every third Wednesday of each month.

The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. at the Key Volunteer Center, Building H-14, and are open to all Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Marine Corps Air Station New River families.

For more information, call Shannon Maxwell at 347-4450 or Becky Klepper at 353-4625.

The local Jacksonville
Toastmasters meet every Tuesday
at 7:00 p.m. in the Educational
Annex of Onslow Memorial
Hospital. For more information,
call Ron or Shelly Bower at 353-

Marine Corps Community Services New River hosts Storytime May 22 at 2 p.m. Story time is for pre-school dependent children ages 1-5, the theme will

be "Digging and Planting."

The Camp Lejeune Hobby Shop's Machine Shop Facility is now open. The shop offers equipment for block work, cylinder head work, engine balancing, complete engine kits, and complete rotating assemblies. For more information, call 451-1550.

Free computer classes offered by Marine Corps Community Services held in the Tarawa Terrace II Family Member Assistance Program Center. For more information, call 450-1678.

The Onslow Art Society invites all artists, 18 and older, to enter the 46th Annual Spring Art Show.

For more information, call 455-1441.

The 2006 Thalian Hall 10K and 5K Run will take place May 27 at 8 a.m., at Thalian Hall in downtown Wilmington, N.C.

Registration costs \$20 and day of the race costs \$25. Racers receive a T-shirt, a post race party and a breakfast.

Awards will be given to the top three runners of each age group.

For more information, call (910) 343-3660 or email czech-lewski@thalianhall.com.

The Educational and Developmental Intervention Services are offering free developmental screenings for children up to 36 months of age.

For more information, call Raymond Applewhite at (910) 450-4463.

Religious Info

The Weekly Men's Bible Study Group meets every Thursday morning at 6 a.m., at the Mainside Protestant Chapel Annex behind the Base Chapel.

For more information, contact Chaplain James Dance at 451-3210, Maj. Jo Rozier at 451-7842, Staff Sgt. Stacey Lafferty at 450-8595 or Jim Sides at 451-5024.

Recruiting

Earn promotion points for recruiter's assistance in the Northeast Region.

Recruiters assistants are needed at Recruiting Stations Albany, N.Y., Buffalo, N.Y., Harrisburg, Pa., New Jersey, New York, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa., Portsmouth, N.H., and Springfield, Mass.

For more information, applicants are encouraged to please contact 1st MCD at (516) 288-5656.

Marines interested in recruiters assistance in the Colorado, Wyoming, Western Nebraska or Western South Dakota areas should contact Sgt. Maj. Robert Cadle at cadlerg@marines.usmc.mil or call (303) 241-8102.

Civilian Spotlight

Olandria M. Johnson

Military
Communication
Center
Customer
Service
Representative



Family: She is married to Alvin, and they have two children: Devon, 5, and Justin, 1.

Military background: Her husband is a staff sergeant with 8th Engineer Support Battalion, MCB Camp Lejeune and serves as the company gunnery sergeant.

Time on Station: I've worked at MCC since April, she said

Best part of job: "Interacting with customers," Johnson

Best part of working with the military: "I get to see a lot of the camaraderie the guys have. I like to see how they care for each other. Everybody is one and working together," she said.

Proudest accomplishment: "Finally completing college with a bachelor's in criminal justice," she explained.

Best advice received: "Treat everybody as you would want to be treated," said Johnson.

Personal hero: Jesus Christ

Personal motto: "Treat everybody with the same respect you would want to be given," she said.

Why is your job important?: "We provide services to servicemembers and civilians that they couldn't get during regular business hours, like faxing, computers, internet, mailing, UPS, stamps, phone cards and copying," said Johnson.

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New sergeant major at VMX-22

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz correspondent

Sergeant Maj. Hayward Williams relieved Sgt. Maj. Roderick S. Fuller of the duties of Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 sergeant major at a May 12 ceremony on the flightline.

The ceremony also marked Fuller's retirement after 30 years of

"I spent practically all my adult life in the Marine Corps," said Fuller, who also received a Meritorious Service Medal during the ceremony. "It's something that I've known and loved and now I have to turn it over to the younger Marines."

Fuller expressed his confidence in the VMX-22 Marines and believes they will have a prosperous future.

"I expect this unit to get even better," said Fuller. "It was truly a blessing for me to come into a unit like this."

Prior to posting for VMX-22, Williams served as the Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204 sergeant major. He said he is looking forward to taking Fuller's place.

'I've known him for quite some time," said Williams. "I know the Marine Corps is going to miss him and I know his Marines are going to miss him."

Williams would like to thank VMX-22 and Headquarters Marine Corps for the opportunity to serve with his new Marines.

Sgt. Maj. Bly posts for Station

Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson correspondent

Sergeant Maj. William H. Bly Jr. relieved Sgt. Maj. Lewis Summerville of the duties of Marine Corps Air Station New River top enlisted Marine during a relief, appointment and retirement ceremony on the Station football field May 5.

The ceremony marked Summerville's 32 years in the Marine Corps.

"You always anticipate leaving what you know. Thirty-two of my 50 years have been invested in the Marine Corps," said Summerville.

"I'll be retiring in this area, looking for employment that's enjoyable and close to Marines," he

"At some time in our careers we all have to retire. What's difficult is that in the case of Sgt. Maj. Summerville it's tough to lose him; especially on the personal side as he really loves the Marines, and I'm talking about the young Marines, the Corps as well," said Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer.

Summerville said Bly is the best Marine to become the next Station sergeant major.

"Sergeant Maj. Bly is the right choice; there couldn't be a better choice," said Summerville.

New River is pleased to have Bly's professionalism and experience here, said Summerville.

Bly's prior assignment was as Marine Aircraft Group-29 sergeant

"Things I want to improve: the E-club and the Staff NCO club. I would like to see the E-club

become the place enlisted Marines want to go. We've been using it more but not to the level I want. We need to start utilizing them. It helps camaraderie. I want a Station field meet. It's a good day for teamwork. And I would like to host a motorcycle ride to go to

Cherry Point. It promotes good bike safety," said Bly.

"My biggest concern is working with civilians aboard the Station. I don't have as much experience working with them from the group level but they play a major role on the Station," said Bly.



Lance Cpl. Rvan R. Jackson

Sergeant Maj. William H. Bly speaks to the crowd during the May 5 ceremony in which he relieved Sgt. Maj. Lewis Summerville as Station sergeant major.

Raging Bulls charge home after OIF deployment



Capt. Jocques A. Rogers, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261 CH-46E pilot, greets his 8-month-old son Jayelon and family. When Rogers left, Jayelon was only 2 months old. Lance Cpl. Ryan R. Jackson correspondent

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261 (Reinforced) made an awesome show of force as its helicopters graced the sky, wowing HMM-261's family and friends when they returned from their approximately six-month deployment May 3.

Approximately 477 Marines and Sailors from HMM-261 deployed with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. Squadrons such as the "Raging Bulls" normally provide the foundation for an aviation combat element which supports the MEU. Missions can include assault support tasks and special operations

"Our main goal was to support the

ground units," said Sgt. Maj. Jimmie A. Blair, HMM-261 sergeant major. "We didn't fail a single mission,"

These Marines performed astonishingly. They measured up to every mark and went beyond. Every commanding officer feels this way but these guys did phenomenal, said Lt. Col. Christopher P. Coke, HMM-261 commanding officer.

"Normally we stay with our MEU, but when we went into theater we also supported the 2d Marine Air Wing (forward)," said Coke.

"The deployment went well, everyone returned home safely. Many of the newer guys learned about combat," said Capt. Jocques A. Rogers, HMM-261

"It's great for our people to be back home with their family and friends; the things we went to defend," said Coke.



Col. Mollahan leads from the front, receives Bronze Star

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz correspondent

Colonel David J. Mollahan, Marine Aircraft Group-26 commanding officer, received a Bronze Star Medal at a ceremony May 3.

Mollahan was award-

ed for efforts during a six-month Iraq deployment.

"It was well earned," said Brig. Gen. Robert Milstead, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing commanding general. "When you look at someone like Col. Mollahan and see a Bronze Star pinned on his

chest, it lets you know that whatever he did, he did it very well."

Milstead presented the Bronze Star to Mollahan and served with him in Iraq.

"It was an honor to pin it on Col. Mollahan. He'll be the first to tell you it represents the efforts of not just him but his entire command," said Milstead. "When he received the award he received it on behalf of the entire unit."

With 155 airplanes, Mollahan commanded the largest Marine Aircraft Group in Iraq.

"He led it and he also flew a great deal of combat missions himself," said Milstead. "He led from the front."

Although Mollahan was one of only a few to be recognized individually, he humbly emphasized the contributions made by the rest of the unit during the deployment.

"It's really nothing more than an indication of the great work that was done by all the Marines who are a part of this aircraft group," said Mollahan. "Although I got a chance to be recognized individually, it was really a team effort. You can't do anything in this business by yourself."



Lance Cpl. M. L. Mei

Brigadier Gen. Robert Milstead, 2d MAW CG, presented Col. David J. Mollahan, MAG-26 CO, a Bronze Star Medal for his leadership while deployed in support of OIF.



British military views revolutionary aircraft

Members of the British Defence Staff view the inside of an MV-22 "Osprey" during a tour May 5. (photo by Lance Cpl. Samuel D. White).



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\$2.85 million back in our pockets

IRS commends Station Tax Center Marines for providing fast, efficient return service

Lance Cpl. M. L. Meier correspondent

With tax season over, many Marines and Sailors can thank the Station Tax Center for the money they received back from this year's tax returns.

Marines saved more than 327,300 dollars using the Tax Center's free services and received more than 2,850,000 dollars in refunds, said Maj. Thomas J. Sanzi, Station Joint Law Center director.

"The Tax Center provided a great service, free-of-charge, to active duty and retired servicemembers, as well as family members," said Sanzi.

"Their location aboard the Air Station meant Marines and Sailors did not have to leave their work sections for too long to complete their taxes. The success of the Tax Center can be attributed to the Marines assigned there for the last five months. This year they

attained one of the lowest rejection rates in this Internal Revenue Service region," he added.

Less than 5 percent of those who came to the Tax Center were turned away for service. The staff filed more than 3,300 total state and federal returns.

The low rejection and error rates can be attributed to the training and to the Marines working at the Tax Center, said Capt. Danielle N. Fitz, Station Tax Center officerin-charge.

The software used is part of the IRS and all the Marines filing returns had training with that software. The eight Marines working in the Tax Center took a three-week class to learn to file tax returns; after a return was filed, there was a quality review, to make sure everything was input correctly, she added.

"We had a good batch of Marines," said Fitz. "They are all very intelligent and all more than capable of filing complicated returns." The Marines understood tax issues that were significant for Marines and other military personnel

"We've had a pretty large influx of Marines who have come back from Iraq. They've had all kinds of incentives and tax savings that were addressed by our tax service," said Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer. "This is Marines helping Marines."



Incoming 'Osprey' lands in 'Thunder Chickens' nest

Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz correspondent

Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron-263 received its first MV-22 "Osprey" May 4 and took it for its first flight May 9, which was a training flight. The "Thunder Chickens" are the first operational "Osprey" squadron in the military.

"The "Osprey" is going to bring a lot of capabilities to the Marine Corps," said Sgt. Maj. Grant VanOostrom, VMM-263 sergeant major and Jacksonville, N.C., native

The MV-22 is a self-deployable aircraft and the first tiltrotor aircraft to be certified to conduct combat missions. Its ability to take-off and land like a helicopter and fly like an airplane gives it greater range, speed and versatility than the CH-46E "Sea Knight" it replaces.

"It's going to help get Marines into a (landing zone) and, more importantly, it's going to help get Marines out," said VanOostrom.

The VMM-263 aircrew and maintainers received training and

coordination from Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204 prior to working with their current squadron.

"We are not absent to the fact that VMX-22 and VMMT-204 were instrumental," said VanOostrom.
"We are very appreciative of the training and the education piece that VMX-22 and VMMT-204 provided to the Marines of VMM-263. They laid a huge foundation down for us so we could be successful."

Although the "Thunder Chickens" received much assistance in preparing, the training flight took place to further familiarize the squadron.

"The purpose of the training flight is to exercise the unit's proficiency at scheduling, launching and recovering aircraft," said Lt. Col. Paul J. Rock, VMM-263 commanding officer, a Knoxville, Tenn., native.

Rock confidently welcomes the challenge of transitioning his unit into working with a different aircraft.

"I don't expect it to be easy, but people didn't join the Marine Corps because they wanted to do something easy," he said. "They joined because they wanted to do something satisfying."



Pfc. Andrew M. Kalwitz

'Sounds of Freedom': Noise never sounded so good



Malcome Speed, 7, sights in on his target from the gunner seat of the UH-1N Huey Helicopter. The "Huey" can be equipped with an M-240 7.62mm, GAU-16 .50 caliber machine guns or a GAU-17 7.62 automatic gun.



Kyle Dombrowski, 4, with his mother Paula, found a creative way to catch a better view of the "Sounds of Freedom" Air Show.

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Randall A. Clinton

Pilots pushed their planes near their breaking limit, barreling toward the ground, twisting and turning in the sky, flying past each other with only a few feet to spare.

The pilots were not escaping enemy rounds, or practicing for an upcoming deployment. These pilots and aircraft were performing at the Marine Corps Air Station New River "Sounds of Freedom" Air Show, May 13 and 14.

ning awards since 1974.

aerobatics

An estimated 60,000 people turned out to witness the amazing The Canadian Forces Snowbirds

headlined the event. The Snowbirds consist of a 9-plane team, flying the CT-114 Tutor. All members of the Canadian Forces Snowbirds are serving members of the Canadian

Guests of the Station also watched Jurgis Kairys, one of the most decorated air show performers in the world. Kairys has been win-

Also on display and in the air was

the newly operational MV-22 "Osprey". The "Osprey" is the first tiltrotor aircraft in Marine Corps avithe CH-46E helicopter. ation. It can fly faster than a helicopter, and takeoff faster than an airplane. Those two qualities add up to quicker troop insertion, and more Marines getting in and out of the fight faster.

The Station is the only Marine Corps facility to house the "Osprey." The Station is also home to Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron-263, and Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation

Squadron-22. Eventually, the "Osprey" will completely replace

A Marine Air Ground Task Force demo showed the crowd how all the elements of the Marine Corps combine for a single attack.

In one example, Marines demonstrated an air assault using helicopters from the Station to show how quickly troops can enter and exit a combat zone. AH-1W "Super Cobras" and UH-1N "Hueys" provided protection while CH-46E "Sea Knights" and CH-53E "Super Stallions" transported the Marines

Visitors to the Station's 2006 "Sounds of Freedom" Air Show were treated to an upclose look at the Marines and weapons that are helping win the war on terrorism.



Deandre Bennett, 10, came prepared to see every detail of the Air Show May 13.



Crowd Reaction



"I'm looking forward to seeing the Canadian Forces Snowbirds do their tricks." --Richard A. McIntosh

"I want to see the MAGTF demo; it's the highlight of the Air --Gunnery Sgt. Fred P. Kiogina (Ret.)





"I just really want to have a great time." --Jeanie Klezaras, MCCS marketing

"I'm here to see the MV-22 'Osprey.' --Paul M. Keller, civil-





"I'm looking forward to spending time with my grandson." --Phyllis M. Ells, childcare provider



The Blue Angels invited guests of all ages to step up and have a seat in the cockpit of their famous F/A-18 Hornet. Since 1946, the Blue Angels have

been preforming the world over promoting Naval and Marine Corps aviation. The "Hornet" can reach speeds of 1,200 mph, or Mach 1.7.



ROTO VIEW

What is your favorite military movie?



"G.I. Jane,' because it proves females can do anything as long as they put their minds to it."

Lance Cpl. Christina C. Fox, Station postal clerk



"Band of Brothers,' I like World War II stuff and I like to see the Army fight when they were good."

Cpl. Andre R. King, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, data network specialist technician



"'Black Hawk Down,' Josh Hartnett, Orlando Bloom...enough said."

Lance Cpl. Ethel P. Coolidge, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, aviations operations clerk

Station Marines double NMCRS donations

Lance Cpl. M. L. Meier

correspondent

The Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society fund drive officially ended April 14, surpassing the drive's goal by more than 18,000 dollars.

The drive's goal was set at 50,000 dollars; however, with approximately 20 percent of Station Marines participating through cash donations, allotments and shop fundraisers, the drive raised more than 68,000 dollars.

"The past three years it's never been over 36,000 dollars," said Capt. Charles N. Hart, Station NMCRS representative. "I set the goal at 50,000 dollars to give us something to shoot at and not continue with the status



quo."

This year's drive more than doubled last year's approximate total of 32,000 dollars.

The success of the drive can be attributed to the unit drive representatives and the education and awareness they provided about the services the NMCRS provides to Marines aboard the Station, said Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer.

"Their enthusiasm in pushing it down to all the units made it very successful," said Forand. "It's an organization that's been around awhile. It's staffed by volunteers and everything that is collected goes right back to help the Marines and Sailors. There are no fees taken off the top. All the funds taken in go to help those who need assistance."

Lock boxes were located at the sales counters of the Marine Corps Exchange and commissary for customers to donate their extra change. Along with individual contributions through allotments and cash donations, Marines participated in physical training buy-outs and other shop fundraisers to add to the donation pool, said Hart.

Through a combination of allotments, cash donations, lockboxes and shop fundraisers, the NMCRS saw the most successful fund drive in recent history.



Semper Fitness Weight in the USA



Lynda F. ItroMCCS personal trainer

Every month I present a challenge on the bulletin board for our patrons to participate in. The numbers are not what I wish they would be. I would

love to have more patrons participate.

The thing is people like to get rewarded for what they do. People love having food to use for rewards. Teachers give kids candy all the time. The book-it program offers up fast food to Pizza Hut for reading books in elementary school. We are a junk food nation!

What I want to preach here is internal rewards: positive feelings about something we did; something that makes us feel good on the inside. When dealing with health and fitness it is important to realize internal rewards are so much greater than the external ones.

We can't always get something for the work we do. When we exercise we reward ourselves with longer, healthier lives. We get a stronger heart and a decrease in risk for disease. That in itself is a true reward.

We can offer t-shirts and water bottles if made available, and it is a lot of fun to get those things. I think developing self motivation and the desire to live productively is in all of us; it is in our hearts.

If you feel hopeless or down due to weight gain, low PFT scores, or just overall fitness level declines. Please feel free to come talk to a trainer. We love what we do and we love helping you all out. Take responsibility for your own health. Don't blame others for set backs.

I will leave you with the famous words of Mark Twain, " The world owes you nothing, it was here first".

This is one of my favorite quotes and I hope you see value in the statement. It's not the Marine Corps' fault if you aren't mission ready due to low fitness standards. Take control of your life and let us help!

Intramural Softball

May 22 Station Field

6 p.m. NRBC vs HMH-464 7 p.m. VMMT-204 vs MWSS-272A 8 p.m. HMM-266 vs HMM-264

May 24 E-Club Field 6 p.m. HQ 26 vs MWSS-272A 7 p.m. HMM-264 vs HMH-464 8 p.m. CGBC vs HMT-302

'Phoenix' Marines scorch H&HS 8-5

Story and photos by Lance Cpl. Randall A. Clinton

With an 8-5 win against the Marines of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron May 8, the Marine Helicopter Training Squadron-302 "Phoenix" Marines have their first winning streak of the season.

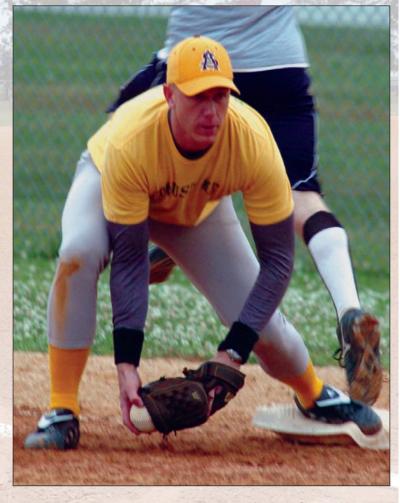
When the teams squared off for their game, the HMT-302 Marines had a modest 2-2 record. Although that really doesn't tell the true story of the team, said Cpl. Daniel Q. George, HMT-302 air-frames mechanic.

The first tournament of the year, this team fielded only eight Marines, three short of the present roster, said George. Between filling out their roster and building chemistry, the team has come together nicely, George added.

"We don't have a star player; everyone just does their part," he said.



First Lt. Richard M. Arbogost takes off for home plate.



First Lt. Jason A. Becker makes the tough catch to force out Cpl. Justin L. Hansen at first base. Phoenix Marines led the game from start to finish.



Master Gunnery Sgt. Hans H. Heerema, coach/player, knocks a line drive base hit for the Phoenix Marines.



Pitcher Cpl. Michael A. Moore kept the H&HS Marines guessing the whole night. Moore pitched a complete game, allowing five runs and earning a win.



KotoVUE Learning to cope with unbelief



Cmdr. William G. Waun command chaplain

Doubt is a rather common experience. My guess is that doubt is so common because we human beings have a preference for certainty over

uncertainty, for that which is sure and firm over that which is insecure and ambiguous. Psychologically, we doubt to avoid pain, perhaps both emotional pain and physical pain, pain that might exist in that part of reality of which we have no knowledge. Doubt is opposed to certitude; if we know something to be absolutely true, then doubt is excluded.

Thomas was just such a man who apparently wanted to be convinced of the truth. He required irrefutable facts to convince him of the truth. Thomas' experience in chapter 20 of St. John's Gospel gives us some insight into doubt.

First, doubt is not inherently evil. However, even though it is not intrinsically evil, we should still note that doubt is not a virtue. Nevertheless, many of the greatest saints entertained doubt. During his severe suffering, Job doubted God. Abraham, known as the man of faith, in spite of the promise that all people would be blessed through him, doubted and asked for assurance. St. Paul

related his struggle with unanswered prayer. And Thomas, too, finds himself among the doubters. Doubt protects one against naïveté, and Thomas was anything by naïve; he was not going to believe without data, without evidence.

Second, belief is more than the absence of doubt. There are many people who claim belief in something, and yet their behavior betrays unbelief. Belief is more than a mere intellectual assent to a theological proposition. Belief involves submitting your entire being to the object of your belief. Believing in God, for example, will involved submitting your will to God's will; belief means willfully accepting pain and suffering, if that is what God wants for your greater good; belief means keeping all of God's commandments; belief means doing what you can to become more Godlike every day. Anything short of that betrays a basic lack of belief in the God of the Judeo-Christian Bible. Belief is more than an absence of doubt; it is action, it is doing.

Third, what really matters is what you do with doubt. Some people use the egodefense mechanism of intellectualization and try to justify their unbelief and ungodly lifestyles and trick themselves into thinking that they do believe, that all is well between God and themselves. Yet others spin into a life of skepticism, doubt, and despair, as Friedrich

Nietzsche did. But others take the time and invest the energy to examine the facts and the authority upon which the data rest, and follow through to genuine belief.

Perhaps there are some reading this article who are struggling with a life of doubt; maybe there are others who think they believe, yet the lack of works of charity and the lack of keeping God's laws betray a life of unbelief. Possibly there are others who find it difficult to believe due to severe emotional and personal pain. We all need to internalize the same lesson Job learned: that God is always faithful and that He always has our greater good in

Working through pain and doubt is a process, not an instantaneous occurrence. For those who need spiritual direction and assistance, your Chaplain is available to travel your journey with you.

Dealing with Deployments

- * Try to find things to look forward to.
- * Reach out to others who are in the same situation.
 - * Don't try to hide your feelings.
- * Do something special for yourself and your family.
- * Try to concentrate on the things you can control.
 - * Ignore rumors.
 - * Learn stress management techniques.
 - * Seek support from your faith community.
 - * Take care of yourself.



Memorial Chapel services

Sunday Services Catholic 9 a.m.

Protestant 11 a.m. For more information, call the Memorial Chapel at 449-6801.





Kelly Kline (right), installation volunteer coordinator, with the help of Claire Forand (center), and Suzanne Milstead (left) hands out door prizes Thursday to Key Volunteers for their work during deployments. The annual appreciation brunch was held at the Station Officers' Club. (photo by M. L. Meier).

One Day Marriage Enrichment Seminar



Sheraton Hotel. New Bern, NC May 9, 11, 23, 25

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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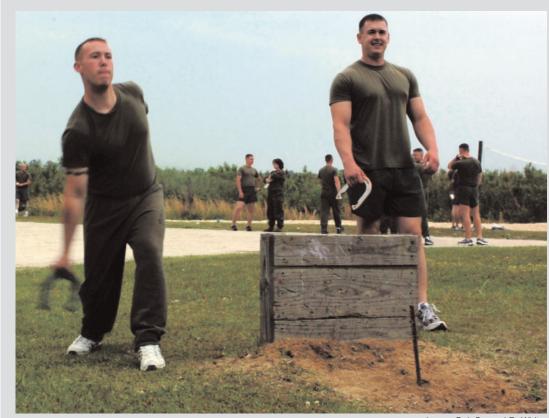
Our Corps, Your Corps, Marine Corps History



2 May 1946:
Marines from
Treasure Island
Marine Barracks,
under the command
of Warrant Officer
Charles L. Buckner,
aided in suppressing
the three-day prison
riot at Alcatraz
Penitentiary in San
Francisco Bay.

15 May 1862: Corporal John Mackie, the first Marine to earn the Medal of Honor, was commended for service during action against Confederate shore batteries at Drewry's Bluff. 22 May 1912:
First Lieutenant
Alfred A.
Cunningham, the
first Marine officer
to be assigned to
"duty in connection
with aviation",
reported for aviation
training, beginning
Marine Corps aviation.

23 May 1988: The V-22 Osprey, the world's first production tiltrotor aircraft, was unveiled in Arlington, Texas.



Corporal Timothy Adcock, an Elyria, Ohio native, and Sgt. Eric Blough, from Johnstown, Pa., compete in a game of horseshoes during a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 field meet at the Station Marina May 5.



Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale

Lieutenant Col. Frank Crisafulli, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461 pilot, speaks to a group of students from Harrells Christian Academy May 9.

Sempertoons by Gunnery Sgt. Charles Wolf

"Ahhhh, Yes..., It's that time of year when Marines suffer from "I-Think-I-am-big-but-I-amnot-my-sleeves-are-so-tight-I-can't-feel-myarms-and-I-am-out-of-regs" Syndrome!

